ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

An outboard motor in which a location on a hull of a throttle operating unit (81) such as a throttle lever and a location on the hull of an outboard motor main body accommodating therein an engine are positioned away from each other on the hull and in which a control inputted by a crew member to the throttle operating unit is mechanically transmitted to a throttle valve of the engine accommodated in the outboard motor main body so as to drive the throttle valve to be opened and closed, the outboard motor being characterized in that an electric air control valve (14) for increasing and decreasing the volume of intake air to the engine via a separate system from the throttle valve and a control unit including an actuator for controlling the opening and closing of the air control valve 14 are provided on the engine accommodated in the outboard motor main body, and in that an engine speed operating unit (44, 46) is provided by which the crew member directly inputs an air increase or decrease signal into the control unit of the electric air control valve (14).